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SUBJECT: US/RP MILITARY TO MILITARY DISCUSSIONS (U)

1. US/RP SENIOR MILITARY REPS MET FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AT CAMP AGUINALDO THIS MORNING. US PANEL WORKING PAPER ON SUBIC WATERSHED AND RP WORKING PAPER ON SUBIC BAY WATERS WERE EXCHANGED AND DISCUSSED. CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE CONTINUED.

2. AT THE START OF THE MEETING, WE PRESENTED A US PANEL WORKING PAPER ON THE SUBIC WATERSHED TO THE PHIL SIDE. THEY, IN TURN, PRESENTED AN RP WORKING PAPER ON SUBIC BAY WATERS WITH AN ACCOMPANYING CHART OF THE WATERS.

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AFTER A QUICK READ OF THE RP PAPER, WE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON ITS CONTENTS AND ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THEIR LANGUAGE AND TO OBTAIN RATIONALE FOR EXCLUSION OF SOME OF THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE U.S. WORKING PAPER OF 26 JULY. THE RP PAPER WAS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THEIR PRIOR EFFORTS AND WAS QUITE SIMILAR TO THE US 26 JULY PAPER. ADDITIONALLY,

THE PHIL PANEL REPLIES TO OUR QUESTIONS WERE ENCOURAGING.
WE AGREED TO PROVIDE A NEW US PANEL WORKING PAPER ON
SUBIC BAY WATERS AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

3. GEN ESPINO THEN COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE U.S.
PANEL WORKING PAPER ON THE SUBIC WATERSHED, NOTING A
COUPLE OF POINTS WHICH THEY WOULD INCLUDE IN A NEW
PHIL PAPER TO BE PRESENTED AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

4. WE THEN REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE VARIOUS OTHER
WORKING PAPERS. WE NOTED THAT WE WILL WITHHOLD A U.S.
REPLY ON THE RP ZAMBALES TRAINING AREA PAPER UNTIL WE
RECEIVE AN RP PAPER ON THE TRAINING AREAS OUTSIDE OF
SUBIC NAVAL BASE. GEN ESPINO CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE
WORKING ON THAT PAPER, AND ALSO ASKNOLEDGED THAT HIS
PANEL IS WORKING ON A NEW DRAFT PAPER ON THE DUTIES OF
THE PBC AND USC. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THEY OWED
US A SECURITY REQUIREMENTS PROPOSAL. WE ADVISED THAT
WE WOULD HAVE A NEW U.S. WORKING PAPER ON GRANDE ISLAND
FOR THE NEXT MEETING. WE THEN REMINDED GEN ESPINO
THAT WE STILL NEEDED TO DISCUSS JOHN HAY. AFTER FIRST
STATING THAT HIGHER PHIL AUTHORITY DOES NOT CONSIDER
JOHN HAY AS SERVING ANY MILITARY PURPOSE AND THUS
NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION IN THIS FORUM, GEN
ESPINO EVENTUALLY CONCLUDED THAT SOME DISCUSSION OF
JOHN HAY IN THE MILITARY FORUM MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

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FINALLY, IT WAS AGREED TO MEET TWICE AGAIN THIS WEEK
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST AND FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST. MURPHY

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